

Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-21. (cancelled)

Claim 22. (Previously presented) An apparatus for dispensing at least one material to a periodontal pocket comprising:

a barrel including a body portion and a tube portion, the tube portion extending from the body portion and including a tip configured for being deformed to at least one cross-sectional geometry different from its initial cross-sectional geometry;

a plunger, at least a portion of the plunger slidably housed within the barrel, the plunger configured for contacting a portion of an external force applying member; and

a quantity of dry particles, at least a portion of the dry particles within the tip, wherein the body portion of the barrel includes flexible flanges for forming a temporary locking engagement with at least a portion of an external force applying member.

Claim 23. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the body portion includes at least one nub for receipt in a correspondingly configured indent in at least a portion of an external force applying member to prevent the barrel from rotating.

Claim 24. (original) The apparatus of claim 23, additionally comprising:
an external force applying member.

Claim 25. (original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the external force applying member includes a handle.

Claim 26. (Previously presented) The apparatus of Claim 25, wherein the handle includes:

- a sleeve including an indent for engaging the at least one nub; and
- a spring-loaded shaft housed at least partially within the sleeve;

the sleeve and the shaft configured to engage at least a portion of each of the flexible flanges of the body portion of the barrel.

Claim 27. (original) The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the spring-loaded shaft includes:

- a proximal end and a distal end; and
- a thumb ring at the proximal end.

Claim 28-35. (cancelled)

Claim 36-48. (Cancelled)

Claim 49. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the body portion of the barrel further comprises a collar from which the flanges extend.

Claim 50. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein the flexible flanges are designed to move radially outward and inward.

Claim 51-52. (Cancelled)